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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Naoya Hasagawa

Appln. No.: 09/586,624

Filed: June 2, 2000

For: SPIN-VALVE TYPE MAGNETORESISTIVE  
SENSOR AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Attorney Docket No: 9281-3660

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

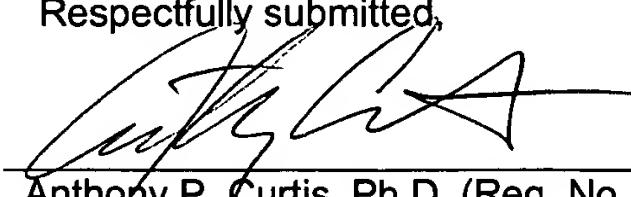
- Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):
- Previously submitted:
- Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
- Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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- Attached is/are:
- An Information Disclosure Statement
- An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

- Small Entity Status:
- Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
  - A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ and such status is still proper and desired.
  - Is no longer desired.
- Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:
- A Request fee of \$770.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
  - A suspension processing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
  - An additional filing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (\_\_\_\_\_ additional independent claims and/or \_\_\_\_\_ additional total claims).
  - An extension fee of \$840.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a three-month extension of time, less one month.
- Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):
- Checks in the amounts of \$770.00 and \$840 are enclosed.
  - Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.
  - A payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
  - The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Anthony P. Curtis, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 46,193)

9/14/04  
Date